

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
MONDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2021**

PRESENT –

Jenny Uzzell (Group A Paganism), Martin Stand (Group B Church of England), Kelsang Dragden (Group A Buddhism), Helen Ellis (Group A The Roman Catholic Church), Morvyn Sanderson (Group A The Methodist Church), Rev Thompson (Group A Darlington Baptist Church), Meg Thomson (Group A Darlington United Reformed Church), Rev Paul Baker (Group B Church of England), Beth Miller (Group B Church of England), Councillor C L B Hughes, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Curry, Councillor Heslop and Fiona Rankin (Group C The National Association of School Teacher/Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT))

Co-opted Members – Jan Mole (Co-opted Member of SACRE)

Officers – Anne Davison (SEND Inclusion Advisor) and Hannah Miller (Democratic Officer)

APOLOGIES – Bess Robertson (Group A Darlington Hebrew Congregation (Judaism)) and M Fryer (Co-opted Member of SACRE)

106 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

107 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SACRE HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2020

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this SACRE held on 9 November 2020.

IT WAS AGREED – That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

108 REVIEW OF LOCALLY AGREED SYLLABUS - CONSULTATION WITH SCHOOLS

The Director of Children and Adults Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to give consideration to a school consultation exercise to form part of the agreed review of the Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education in Darlington (Minute 102/Nov/20 refers).

It was reported that as part of the review process it was advisable to include Primary and Secondary Schools, including special Schools in Darlington in a consultation exercise; and Anne Davison, SEND and Inclusion Advisor, who was to assist the Members with the consultation exercise, provided for consideration a list of suggested questions to include in the questionnaire to schools.

Discussion ensued on the suggested questions and additional questions were proposed by Members.

IT WAS AGREED – That the consultation exercise with schools be commenced.

109 MEMBERSHIP OF SACRE

The Managing Director submitted a report (previously circulated) to confirm the re-appointment of two Members of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education in Group A (representatives of Other Religious Faiths).

IT WAS AGREED – That the membership of Morvyn Sanderson, representing the Methodist Church and Kelsang Dragden, representing Buddhism be for a further period of four years from 13 March 2021.

110 DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

IT WAS AGREED – That future meetings of this SACRE be held on Mondays 5 July and 15 November 2021 commencing at 4.00 pm